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1. During the six months from June to December 1947, a number of Berlin and Russian Zone police officials approached [] the [] Police for employment. The reason they gave for leaving their respective positions was usually that they had been replaced by "Seydlitz" people. In almost every case, they explained that they had had no difficulties with the Russian authorities and that their removal came as a complete surprise. Frequently, the Russians informed an official in the evening that his employment with the police was ended and that on the following day he would be replaced by a Seydlitz man.

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2. The Lord Mayor of Guben, a SED worker, was relieved of his post on 1 November 1947 without warning and without reason. He was succeeded by Gundermann, son of a former Oberpräsident of Frankfurt/Oder who was removed by the Nazis in 1934. As a lieutenant colonel on the general staff, he had been captured by the Russians and had been head of the Freies Deutschland Committee at Innere; he had only shortly before returned to Guben.

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